

## MAJOR AND MINOR IN PPA

### I. Objectives

This programme aims to:

- provide students with basic knowledge and conceptual frameworks of political science and public administration;
- develop students' ability in critical analysis of complex political issues in the real world;
- equip students with necessary perspectives and skills in identifying and articulating politically feasible solutions to public policy problems;
- enable students integrate theories and methods of political science and public administration into interdisciplinary analytical exercises; and
- prepare students to engage in advocacy for social innovation and better governance.

### II. Programme structure

Components	No. of credits	
	Major	Minor
a) Introductory courses		
i) disciplinary	6	6
ii) pre-requisites*	12	-
b) Advanced courses		
i) core courses	18	-
ii) disciplinary electives	30	30
iii) capstone experience	6	-
iv) Social Innovation and Global Citizenship#	24	-

\* Candidates who opt to declare two major programmes offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences should avoid selecting overlapping pre-requisites.

# Candidates who opt to declare double majors in Geography, Politics and Public Administration, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work and Social Administration are allowed to undertake 24 credits of free electives, to fulfil the Faculty off-campus learning courses for the second major.

Candidates who wish to major (96 credits) or minor (36 credits) in Politics and Public Administration (PPA) must complete:

- a) Introductory courses (18 credits for major; 6 credits for minor)
  - i) Disciplinary course POLI1003. Making sense of politics (6 credits)
  - ii) Two pre-requisite courses from the following five units, but not more than one from a single unit (12 credits):
    - Faculty of Social Sciences (SINO1003)
    - Geography (GEOG1002/ 1003/ 1005/ 1012/ 1016/ 1017 / 1020 / 1021)
    - Psychology (PSYC1001/ 1004)
    - Social Work and Social Administration (SOWK1001/ 1002/ 1004/ 1012/ 1015)
    - Sociology (SOC1001/ 1003)

b) Advanced courses (78 credits for major; 30 credits for minor) consist of the following component:

i) Core courses (18 credits)

- 1) Methods requirement (6 credits): POLI2104. Research methods in politics and public administration
- 2) Gateway requirement (12 credits): Two Gateway courses from the following list:
  - POLI2105. Introduction to comparative politics (6 credits)
  - POLI2106. Introduction to international relations (6 credits)
  - POLI2107. Introduction to political theory (6 credits)
  - POLI2108. Introduction to public administration (6 credits)

(students are strongly recommended to complete the relevant gateway course if they wish to concentrate in that specialist stream)

ii) Disciplinary electives requirement: 30 credits of PPA advanced courses

the following major options are available for choice:

- A) standard PPA major:
  - fulfil requirements in a), bi), biii), biv) and
  - take at least 30 credits of advanced PPA courses or ECON2276 or EUST3010
- B) PPA major with a specialist stream\*:
  - fulfil requirements in a), bi), biii), biv) and
  - take at least 24 credits of advanced PPA courses in a chosen specialist stream, and take another 6 credits of advanced PPA course

\* the specialist streams of PPA are:

- ◆ Comparative Politics
- ◆ International Politics
- ◆ Political Theory and Ethics
- ◆ Public Administration

Notes: 1. Courses affiliated to individual specialist streams are listed in the department's website.

2. Neither the transcript nor the certificate will note this specialization. Students, if necessary, may approach the Department for a letter of reference for their specialization.

iii) Capstone experience (*for major only*):

One of the following courses from semesters VII to VIII:

- POLI4092. Capstone experience: research internship in politics and public administration (6 credits)
- POLI4109. Capstone experience: directed project in politics and public administration (6 credits)

iv) Social innovation and global citizenship (24 credits)

For BSocSc students (Faculty off-campus learning courses)

Students are required to undertake 24 credits of off-campus learning under the twin themes Social Innovation and Global Citizenship as a condition of graduation. To fulfil the Social Innovation requirement, candidates must complete FOSS2018. To fulfil the Global Citizenship requirement, candidates must either complete FOSS2019, undertake 12 credits of advanced courses on exchange studies or on an overseas summer programme approved by the Faculty. Candidates may complete a maximum of 30 credits of experiential learning (internship) during their studies.

FOSS2018. Social Innovation internship (12 credits)

FOSS2019. Global Citizenship internship (12 credits)

For non-BSocSc students

Students are required to undertake 24 credits of courses listed under the Faculty of Social Sciences syllabuses, including the social sciences and non-social sciences courses.

III. Course lists

***Introductory course***

POLI1003. Making sense of politics (6 credits)

***Advanced courses***

*Compulsory course*

POLI2104. Research methods in politics and public administration (6 credits)

*Gateway courses*

POLI2105. Introduction to comparative politics (6 credits)

POLI2106. Introduction to international relations (6 credits)

POLI2107. Introduction to political theory (6 credits)

POLI2108. Introduction to public administration (6 credits)

*Capstone courses*

POLI4092. Capstone experience: research internship in politics and public administration (6 credits)

POLI4109. Capstone experience: directed project in politics and public administration (6 credits)

*Elective courses*

POLI3001. Special topics in political science (6 credits)

POLI3002. Special topics in political theory (6 credits)

POLI3004. Bureaucracy and the public (6 credits)

POLI3005. Capitalism and social justice (6 credits)

POLI3010. Democracy and its critics (6 credits)

- POLI3012. East Asian political economy (6 credits)
- POLI3015. Ethics and public affairs (6 credits)
- POLI3019. Hong Kong and the world (6 credits)
- POLI3020. Hong Kong politics (6 credits)
- POLI3022. Contemporary Chinese politics (6 credits)
- POLI3023. Special topics in Chinese politics (6 credits)
- POLI3024. Special topics in public administration (6 credits)
- POLI3025. Managerial skills in public organizations (6 credits)
- POLI3027. The public policy-making process: theories and application / Public Policy Research (6 credits)
- POLI3031. Politics of economic reform in China (6 credits)
- POLI3034. Public administration in China (6 credits)
- POLI3035. Public administration in Hong Kong (6 credits)
- POLI3037. Managing people in public organizations (6 credits)
- POLI3039. Public policy analysis (6 credits)
- POLI3040. Public sector management (6 credits)
- POLI3044. United States politics (6 credits)
- POLI3047. United States foreign policy (6 credits)
- POLI3051. Issues in Chinese political philosophy (6 credits)
- POLI3052. International relations of East Asia (6 credits)
- POLI3059. China and the world (6 credits)
- POLI3060. Public financial management (6 credits)
- POLI3061. Hong Kong and South China: the political economy of regional development and cooperation (6 credits)
- POLI3064/  
LLAW3080. Governance and law (6 credits)
- POLI3065. Public organization and management (6 credits)
- POLI3067. Liberalism and its limits (6 credits)
- POLI3069. Public policy, politics and social change (6 credits)
- POLI3075/  
LLAW3142. Law and politics of constitutions (6 credits)
- POLI3076. Special topics in international politics (6 credits)
- POLI3077. Special topics in comparative politics (6 credits)
- POLI3078. Humanity in globalization (6 credits)
- POLI3079. Global justice (6 credits)
- POLI3080. Global political economy (6 credits)
- POLI3086. Leadership skills in public administration (6 credits)
- POLI3088. Human security in the global context (6 credits)
- POLI3091. History of western political thought (6 credits)
- POLI3093. Understanding social protest (6 credits)
- POLI3094. Political participation: why and how? (6 credits)
- POLI3095. Civil society and governance (6 credits)
- POLI3096. Citizenship, culture and community (6 credits)
- POLI3097. Modernity and globalization (6 credits)
- POLI3098. Nonprofit management (6 credits)

- POLI3099. Perspectives and practice in world politics (6 credits)
- POLI3103. Politics of the Global South (6 credits)
- POLI3110. Dilemmas of humanitarian intervention (6 credits)
- POLI3111. Social entrepreneurship and cross-sector collaboration (6 credits)
- POLI3112. Public policy and institutional design (6 credits)
- POLI3113. On the ethics of violence (6 credits)
- POLI3114. Understanding fair trade: a global movement (6 credits)
- POLI3115. Politics and public opinion (6 credits)
- POLI3116. Theories and practice of social leadership (6 credits)
- POLI3117. Special topics in public policy (6 credits)
- POLI3118. Special topics in NGO studies (6 credits)
- POLI3119. Causes of international war (6 credits)
- POLI3120. Governing Greater China: The challenge of intergovernmental relations and regional development (6 credits)
- POLI3121. Environmental policy (6 credits)
- POLI3122. Strategic leadership in civil society organizations (6 credits)
- POLI3123. Politics of the two Koreas (6 credits)
- POLI3124. Justice and good life (6 credits)
- POLI3125. Political disagreement and philosophical issues (6 credits)
- POLI3126. Politics of contemporary Japan (6 credits)
- POLI3127. The politics of the European Union (6 credits)
- POLI3128. The political economy of international development (6 credits)
- POLI3129. Foreign policy decision making (6 credits)
- POLI3130. Latin American politics (6 credits)
- POLI3131. In search of good policy: an introduction to policy evaluation (6 credits)
- POLI3132. Terrorism and political violence (6 credits)
- POLI3133. Contemporary Southeast Asian politics (6 credits)
- POLI3134. Politics and security on the Korean Peninsula (6 credits)
- POLI3135/  
ENVS3402. Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6 credits)
- POLI3136. The politics of international law (6 credits)
- POLI3137. Nationalism: theories and practices (6 credits)
- POLI3149. Problems and Solutions in Digital Regulation and Governance / Issues in digital governance / Digital Governance and Regulation (6 credits)
- POLI3150. Climate change policy, politics, and governance (6 credits)
- POLI3151. Business, society, and public policy (6 credits)
- POLI3152. Democratic theory (6 credits)
- POLI3153. Diversity and equity in public administration: a comparative perspective (6 credits)
- POLI3154. Liberalism vs. identity politics (6 credits)
- POLI3155. AI Ethics and safety: a social sciences introduction (6 credits)
- POLI3156. Elite Politics in China (6 credits)
- POLI3157. Europe and the World (6 credits)
- POLI3158. Globalization, Automation and Labor (6 credits)
- POLI3159. Public Administration and the Public (6 credits)
- POLI4046. Thesis in politics and public administration (12 credits)
- POLI4110. Advanced seminar I (6 credits)
- POLI4111. Advanced seminar II (6 credits)
- POLI4112. Advanced seminar III (6 credits)
- POLI4113. Advanced seminar IV (6 credits)
- POLI4115. Advanced Seminar on strategy and politics (6 credits)
- ECON2276. State, law and the economy (6 credits)

EUST3010. [offered by School of Economics and Finance]  
European political and economic institutions and processes (6 credits)  
[offered by Faculty of Arts, European Studies Programme]